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The flour millers are raising \$50,000 to test the Federal ruling against bleached flour.

The Isthmian Canal Commission has made a rule that only citizens of the United States are entitled to receive either longevity pay or the canal medal. Those employes who want to become citizens of the United States can do so ing has made food so cheap and easily under the same rules and regulations as obtain in the United States.

At a meeting of the Pennsylvania State Grange a resolution was passed poultry, game and eggs. It is supposed of undrawn poultry, but on examination of the bill this is not found to be so.

The Dutch have developed a new artificial ice and then inclosed in parchment paper and placed in cold storage. Paraffin paper surrounds them to prethey are broken and thrown away.

Coopers to ball, and they were remandmurder of Ex-Senator Carmack. Ten nessee is taking her place among the Now let the New York Courts keep pace by inflicting summary punishment upon the murderers of Annis.

only man in the country who enters the than their forefathers did, and the months of the fiscal year just ended as people in the cities will insist upon show a deficit of \$64,288,463, with a a number of fancy frills in their gro-\$11,000,000 increase in miscellaneous expenditures.

Apparently the more noise the Social ists make the less votes they gain. Never were they so vociferous as in the last campaign, and it seemed as if the noise center was in Chicago, but Debbs lost 35,000 votes in Illinois. The only gains mark that he was cured of Atheism by attending a meeting in Paris of Athe-

its usefulness by the prompt intelli- since then. gence it furnished of the Italian disaster, and which touched the heart of the world and set the springs of benevo lence and help everywhere pouring to- With fluctuations it declined till it ward the stricken land. The old Latins reached its lowest point, July 1, 1896. said with their customary terse when it was \$7.058. It began to rise strength, "Bis dat qui cito dat;" that is, terrible need of the Italians required \$10. the promptest assistance that could be Next in importance in food are sugar. given, and help that came one day was worth 100 times as much as it would have been a week later. The wireless telegraphy secured this.

plaining of the difficulty of getting in its history. As to tea, the complaint young men to enter the ministry, and is that too much cheap tea is being we may be less surprised at this in see- brought in. ing the action taken by the St. Louis minister to kiss the female members of rounds; but, like the rest of us, the diately following the war. clergy finds that life is not as full of joys as it once was.

gives an opportunity for a syndicate to for it 20 years ago. tition. The profits reaped by California lemon growers are out of all proportion it is subjected, like all of the items beto those which other agriculturists can fore mentioned, to the equations of the plies two-fifths of the lemons consumed bly be many years before the home pro- fathers and grandfathers had, and this fancy Italion labels describing it as duction of lemons equals the demand.

THE COST OF LIVING.

Upon nothing at present before the public mind is there much more startling misinformation than as to the cost of living. Everybody seems to accept the general assertion that the cost of living is very much higher than it ever has been in the history of the country, and there is no attempt to qualify this sweeping allegation. It has important modifications, which will occur upon mention to any one of middle age who reflects on what he well re-

When we speak of the cost of living we should stop and analyze all of the household expenditures which consume our income for the year. The relation of the various items to one another will depend largely upon the station in life in which one is and how he lives. Broadly stated, the items of expenditures group themselves under the heads of food, clothing, rent and strictly peronal expenses. The proportion of one of these to the other differs largely with each family and its position in soclety; that is, how it lives. While we me that the cost of food is the reatest item, yet this is hardly true of any family in the United States. Our country has progressed so that there is all the time food in abundance for everybody, and the famines which distress other countries of lower civilization and resources are unknown. No man or woman in this country need lack sufficiency of healthful food. Substantially every family expends much more for other things than it does for

the localities where such debates are in order. In Japan, China, Hindustan and other countries of swarming population and retarded development food is the all-important thing and the basis of all other considerations. Here, however agricultural machinery and the advanced condition of the science of form.

obtained that no one need go hungry. Much of the talk about the enormou advance in the cost of food is based upon the too limited knowledge of the course of the range of prices of farm urging the Legislature to pass an act products. For example, much is made requiring the labeling of cold-storage of the high price of bread. The comparisons are always made with the terthat this would also prohibit the storage rible slump in wheat prices of 15 years ago, when, owing to the overproduction in Russia and elsewhere, wheat went down to less than 50 cents a bushel, and a barrel of flour could be bought in the idea in ice goblets to be used in hot neighborhood of \$2.50. The wheat mar- position to organize their forces for a weather. The goblets are molded from ket has recovered from that depression, Senatorial fight than the man whose vent the hand touching the ice when el for their wheat, and this price was strong demonstration of this. Gov. they are used, which is but once, when so general as to furnish a basis for Chamberlain, while in office, made his ers of justice by refusing to admit the to \$1.07, or about the average price for and altho the State went heavily for in his operations as an enemy of the ed to jail to be tried Jan. 20 for the has always been considered the staff of strongly to Marshall, of Indiana;

Into the price of meat come considerations which require analysis. In the country meats are no higher than usual, but in the cities the retailers who are keen to make money are falling off of the customs revenues of ceries, and that these shall be deliv-\$27,680,000 and a decreese in internal ered by a smart driver with a smart will probably do the same. revenue receipts of about \$4,000,000. horse and wagon, they must expect to The expenditures increased during the pay pretty berally for it. However, six months about \$33,000,000, the heav- we can assume that the price of meat those made by the people in the city.

sential articles. These figures are based were where the Socialistic propaganda the breadstuffs consumed in the United

The cost of meats per capita per annum July 1, 1860, was \$8.973. This rose until July 1, 1866, when it was \$17.153. then, reaching \$11.628, in 1902, but de-"He gives twice who gives quickly." The clined again, and now is a little over

coffee and tea, all of which have rapidly decreased in prices since the war and even of late years and without fluctuations. Sugar to-day is far cheaper than our mothers ever dreamed of, and cof-The churches everywhere are com- fee has reached the lowest point known

ing. Substantially everything that we jak, nearly all of who mare Slavs. buy is very much cheaper than the av- The total vote of the Democratic and The New York importers of citrus erage over a long period of years. We Republican Parties was over 14,000,000, fruits ave in active opposition to the are getting muslins, cloths, shoes, cloth- while the total vote of all the parties protection of one cent a pound, or 75 ing, underwear at about one-half of outside these two were less than cents a box, given to lemons by the what we paid a quarter of a century 750,000. That is, out of every 15 men, Dingley tariff. The importers claim ago. Anyone can demonstrate this for not quite eight were Republicans, six that the California lemon growers need himself by comparing what he pays for and one-half were Democrats, less than no protection other than their natural a good shirt or a pair of shoes or a one-half a man was a Socialist and less

matter of personal determination, and tions. make. At present California only sup- individual. The standard of life is tauch total failure: but, all the same, we will higher, people want much more and continue to be furnished with the usual in the United States, and it will proba-should have much more than their quantity of our own cotton-seed oil, with

ify all that has been said as to cheaper

Hving. But we have said sufficient to show that, like everything else, this question upon the stump.

"It's queer how some pork biles." out. It seems to be so with the primary those who were most ardent for it.

canvassing, etc., has been far and away beyond the expenditures required of tries. candidates under the old system, and for any important office have put it far the southern part, believed it had moabove any poor man's possibilities. It nopolies of which it could not be deis said that the primary system would prived, those of sulphur, oranges, olives, break up the practice of electing rich lemons and wines. The sulphur monopmen to the Senate, and destroy that oly was seriously impaired by the use body's reputation of being a "rich man's of pyrites in various countries, and then club." On the contrary, every Senator it received its death blow by the develelected within recent years by the prifood. This, however, is a question mary system has paid out far more in Louisiana, Italian olives, grapes, which will admit of much discussion in than his salary for the whole term. The lemons and oranges have come into brought to reason. Of late years there canvassers, organizers, etc., has been, as a rule, in the neighborhood of \$30,- Italian orchards has been steadily de-000, and sometimes much more than creasing as rapidly as that of the largest and most apparent is the big has no coal and no mines of any conseleverage it gives upon Governors for quence, and altho she has an abundnationally. Senators, as a rule, have been promoted from the House of Reppacity for dealing with public affairs in thousand for lands which offer them resentatives. A man who showed cathe Lower House, acquired a reputation in his State which brought him in line for promotion to the Senate. This has to carry the country along and develop seemed to be altered by the primary system. The Governors of States necessarily gain a much wider acquaintance with the people of the State during it can recover from this crushing blow. their term of office, and are in a better but yet the price is below the average activities have, as a rule, been confined

life, cannot be said to be any higher Hughes, of New York; Stubbs, of Kan-Senators within the next few years.

NOUT. BAZAR

The Saniak of Novi-bazar is in point iest being in the War Department, and breadstuffs have gone up consid- of size an insignificant little bit of terwhich went up about \$12,500,000, with erably, to the benefit of the farmers, ritory, which may become the firebrand who will get profits approximate to of Europe and precipitate the long-expected general war. It is a narrow Dun's Commercial Agency, on July 1 stretch if land interposing between Sereach year, gives a very interesting via and Montenegro and leads up from schedule of the cost per capita of es- the Turkish dominions on the south it" for the crafty politician. to the boundaries of the Austro-Hunupon the amount consumed and the garian Provinces of Bosnia and Herzeprices obtained. According to these fig- govina. It was delimited by the Conures, the cost per capita per annum of gress of Berlin to keep the Slav States Arkansas; but it does not require much had just begun, and the people had not States July 1, 1860, was \$20.580. This cut off Servia and Herogen and the people had not States July 1, 1860, was \$20.580. This of Servia and Herzegovina apart and to of a vision into the future to see his to us at our present age we can well become acquainted with Socialists as a item rose to \$45.606 July 1, 1864, and ent Servia is entirely inland and it was that speedfly gets found out, and then necessary to demonstrate to the railwith fluctuations declined until July 1, naturally expected that she would form the practicer falls with a dull, sickening roads that we are in earnest and that 1897, when it fell to \$10.587, or less an alliance or union with the Montene- thud. than half that of 1860. Then it began gro to get alcess to the Adriatic Sea, to slowly rise, until July 1, 1906, it was which is her only outlet. The union of The wireless telegraph has vindicated \$17.923. There has been an advance the two little States cannot, of course, Hungary was given the right of garriseparated. It could not be trusted to ant world: Turkey, whose army and diplomatic policy are so weak and vacillating.

There is another important feature which is now becoming of burning consideration. By retaining the Sanjak of Egean Sea. This may be made the the absorption of more Turkish terri-Dun's figures group together all the tories and the extension of the Austrian Methodists in suspending the Rev. J. H. Items of personal expenditure, and find rule over all the little states in the Bal-Flower because he kissed the women of that the total cost per capita was great- kan Peninsula. Therefore, not only Serhis flock. This indicates that the privi- est July 1, 1864, when it reached via and Montenegro, but also Bulgaria leges of the clergy and the attractive- \$278.987 per head. It rapidly declined are violently opposed to Austria conness of the cloth are being constantly until it reached its lowest point July 1, tinuing to garrison the Sanjak, and the circumscribed. It has not been many 1897, when it was \$72.455. It then be- great powers of Europe, with the excepyears since it was expected of every gan to rise slowly, and is now in the tion of Germany, are supporting their rel is only a modified rat, and is as om neighborhood of \$110, or about one- view of the case. Germany is supposed nivorous as a rat. Many ornithologists his flock when he made his pastoral half of what it was in the years imme- to be favoring Austria and her designs upon the Slav provinces of Turkey. The next great item is that of cloth- There are only 12,000 people in the San-

advantages, and that the protection suit of clothes to-day with what he paid than one-sixth were Prohibitionists with the Independents, Populists and Socialcontrol the market and prevent compe-

> The olive oil crop of Italy is almost a consideration must enter into and qual- pure o'ive oil

ITALY'S POVERTY.

Probably the worst feature about the Italian calamity is the difficulty, if not impossibility, of the country ever recovof the "enhanced price of living" will ering from it. Taly was once the richbear much more critical examination est country in the world, but that was than is given it by the strident orators long ago, and she has suffered incredi-PRIMARIES BENEFIT GOVERNORS. ruined by the discovery of the Cape of Good Hope and of America. Prior to head the long-standing controversy bethat time. Venice was the great distributing point for the goods of the roads. While most of the railroads of can never have any definite conception East to Europe. Itsly once led the world how their schemes are going to work in manufacturing. Venice made the tional Encampment with great fairness best glass, Milan the best steel and system, which has been a fad that many cloth, Florence the finest and richest which have always taken advantage of reformers have clamored for as going woven stuffs. Milan armor was worn to bring about a sweeping change for by the knights of Europe in the days usual gains from those attending it the better in our political system. No- of chivalry. From Milan comes our This has been a burning sore and every where has the primary system worked word millinery, which harks back to the National Encampment has had an unresults of startling unexpectedness to headgear. In the same way our moth-empowering the Commander-in-Chief In the first place, the primary system their gowns, and this name reached the National Encampment away from was urged on the ground that it would back to Mantua in Italy, which excelled the city decided upon if equitable rates give the poor men and those outside of in women's clothes, and particularly in the ring a much better chance of elec- a rich, heavy silk. All this has gone, tion. As a practical result primaries Dutch, French, Spanish, English and have proved vastly more expensive than American manufacturers are making the other system. The cost of circulars, better goods at less price than can be produced in the old seats of the indus-

For a long time Italy, and especially eral anticipation of the event. While cost of covering a State with literature, sharp competition with those of Florida this. The result, however, which is American orchards have risen. Italy election to the Senate. Heretofore Gov. ance of cheap labor there is no way in ernors have not had great consideration which it seems hopeful it can be properly utilized. Consequently the more enterprising of the people are leaving the country every year by the hundred better opportunities. The Italian Government has been making heroic efforts it. It has done much more than could have been expected with the means at its command, but it is hard to see how

TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK GRAFT.

Gov. Campbell has outlined a program for himself which is full of hard work, and the execution of which will for the past 100 years. Our fathers to one Congressional district in the be watched with interest. He says that Army of the Republic, which will take usually calculated on getting \$1 a bush- State. The situation in Oregon is a within the coming year he will rid to Salt Lake City a far bigger crowd Texas of every trust, and have the promoters and managers of such trusts in pose. If the railroads make a rate of Bryan's celebrated heresy that the sil- calling and election sure by careful orver dollar and the bushel of wheat ganization in every precinct in the fight the trusts on lumber, beef, plumb- pect to have from 50,000 to 100,000 went together. Wheat is now selling on State, and he consequently had the ing, kerosque and flour. Perhaps Gov. the Chicago market for from 99 cents primaries with him, altho a Democrat, Campbell is disposed to be more brash a century. Consequently bread, which Taft. This makes the indications point trusts, from the success with which his the trip to Salt Lake City, but will want opponents have proved his connection to take other excursions over the West, with one school book trust, whereby he sas; Hadley, of Missouri; Deneen, of Il- was in combination with a Louisiana linois, and Johnson, of Minnesota, as concern to make the people of Texas these. In refusing a one-cent rate the pay a much higher price for their railroads are standing in their own light Therefore, we may expect that all men school books than these could be ob- and they are doing so simply in purwho have ambitions to be Governor tained for elsewhere. The trick that suance of the general policy agreed count the Senatorship among the pos- Campbell and his crowd worked was to upon to try to make railroad regulation The Secretary of the Treasury is the charging much more for handling meat sibilities of their success, and are anx-make a great powwow over the "errors unpopular by refusing all concessions law. Gov.-elect in history" of Northern-printed school and privileges and attribute this refusal New Year without cheer. The six is therefore much enhanced. So long Stubbs, of Kansas, is in favor of such a books. If it could be found that some- to the stringent provisions of the law. law in his State, and says that he will where Gen. Lee's name did not appear The railroads cannot deceive the peorecommend it to the next session of the in just as big type as Gen. Grant's did ple in this way. There is nothing in Legislature. Gov. Hughes, of New York, somewhere else, or that Abraham Lin- the law which prohibits them from coin was spoken of more highly than making a one-cent rate or any other Jefferson Davis, this could be made a concessions, and the people are not so sufficient pretext for selling a "South- stupid as to accept their pretext that ern" spelling book at 40 cents, where there is. We can rely upon Commanda much better one could have been er-in-Chief Nevius's ability and common gotten from the North for 30 cents. As sense to cope properly with the situathere are 1,215,000 youths of school age tion. He has it in his hands absolutely in Texas, a scheme that will squeeze 10 and without question to either call a cents apiece out of each of them for an delegate Encampment at Salt Lake City

> the stamp of Gov. Haskell, of Okla- ported by the Order as a body. Much homa, and Senator Jefferson Davis, of as we prize the National Encampment

"'POSSUM AND SWEET 'TATERS." Georgia proposes to give President-

separated by a strip of territory. This spoonful of indigestion in it. It will be matter was so important that Austro- a grand opossum and sweet potato banquet at Atlanta, Jan. 15, and Harry S. soning it so as to make sure that the Fisher, who is known as "The 'Possum two principalities would be definitely King of Georgia," shouts to an expect-

"Give us a 'possum-loving President and the White House will ring with peace and prosperity and joy for years

to come." This promises to at last introduce Novi-bazar Austria may have a highway straight from her border to the hitherto looked askance at him on account of his ratlike tail. His popuroute of a railroad and greatly help to larity has been largely confined to the extend the influence of Austria over negroes and poor whites of the South, the country and prepare the way for who will eat anything that has fur or feathers' on it. They will even eat hawks, owls, raccoons and foxes, which are pretty rank fodder. There is no real, physiological reason why an oposquite as good eating. After all the squirthink that the squirrel is the worst enemy of the song birds from its raids upon their eggs and their young. The opossum is about as large as a big cat, has short legs and a piglike snout, the hair is coarse, yellowish in color, with a large prehensile tail like that of a rat. As far as we know it lives on berries and nuts and revels in persimmons, reaching its finest development at the time persimmons are at their best. What it lives on between persimmon times is not well known, but it is supposed to kill birds and snakes. Probaing that it can catch is averse to it

> Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Ne vius met the Lincoln Memorial Committee of New York City on the evening of Dec. 28, and will install the officers of Lafayette and visiting Posts on the evening of Jan. 1.

RATES TO THE NATIONAL EN-CAMPMENT.

Nevius with regard to the National Enever has been or will be to bring to a tween the Grand Army and the railthe United States have treated the Nathere are also many which have not and in-Chief going to the city selected and tions for the National Encampment well

advanced, money secured, and a genmost of the railroads offered fair rates out obstinately, and rather than disappoint the comrades and citizens who had done so much hard work the Commander-in-Chief would affirm the selection of the city and order the preparations to go on, hoping that in some way the obstinate railroads would be has been a disposition on the part of in-Chief Nevius is carrying out these in-Salt Lake City, and they will not be dis- sion. appointed if they are not summoned to meet there. We have every reason to expect that a rate of one-cent a mile shall be made from all points to Naing more. All of the roads are selling excursion tickets from Eastern points to California for even less than onecent a mile, and the open rate to ex-

people to carry to Salt Lake City and bring back. A large proportion of these visitors will not content themselves with from the local rates they can exact from inferior spelling book has "millions in or to take the National Encampment elsewhere. Whatever he does will be Gov. Campbell is a sleek article of exactly right and will be strongly supand important as every one of them is afford to forego one of them if it is

A novel method of concrete constructhe two little States cannot, or course, be accomplished as long as they are elect Taft a feed that will not have a structures for the militia at Camp Perhands and exhaust the State Treasury has written a strong appeal for the and tamped down. The wall was made take a new burst of energy. four inches thick with a facing of white cement and white sand. The work was and interlocked with one another at fered from a similar affection, but it bringing in recruits to his Post the the corners. Then boards were put in to join the hole into a homogeneous about this method, one of them being

we must have fair dealing.

The officials in the War Department who are continually tinhering with the uniform, equipments and organization of the Army are now discovering what The National Tribune told them from the first, that the khaki uniform is unfitted for operations in a forested country. The khaki color is more conspicuous against the green than the oldfashioned blue was, as anybody knows who has noticed a brown stump standing out against the green background. The officials are now considering giving the uniforms a green hue to make them less conspicuous. The shades that are under consideration vary from the present dirty brown of the khaki to that of deep green, and experiments will be made to determine which is the most serviceable and least conspicuous,

It begins to look as if the reform of the Eritish House of Lords is something The position of Commander-in-Chief that may be expected in the near fu- disparage the English army, because, d as a starter is that hereafter no

> qualifications in the House of Commons.

(b) That he has held offic portance in the Empire.

Peers. The number of Peers in the House French or German soldiers a National Encampment to extort un-tion in the number of Bishops. Life where has the primary system worked days when she led the world in beauout just as it was expected, and this days when she led the world in beaupleasant experience from it. For years

Parliament, when they will have to be He has shown himself more enduring out just as it was expected, and this days when she led the has shown himself more enduring practical operation has brought about tiful and tasteful creations for women's the National Encampments have been re-elected. The London Times rather than either the German or the Frence. ers went to a "Mantua maker" to get and the Executive Committee to take fluential papers. Other influential pa- trials in tropical and desert countries. could not be secured. In practice this old thing a little swept and garnished virility of Eritons is deteriorating on acmeeting there the representatives of the derstood to be at present opposed to of the Welch, Irish and Scotch continthe proposition for reform.

> for the State of Pennsylvania, and there This question has been a most disturb-Agriculture, and the Department has ness. backed and filled for years over it. It has tried to prohibt the use of benzoate. French army is well-based, however, and thereby incurred the hostility of the since the annual conscription brings catsup and ple-filler manufacturers. who claim that its use is absolutely necessary in their business, and they point in the success of their flag. and California, and the value of the the National Encampment to make its out that benzolc acid is a natural prodorders more mandatory and to take the uct occurring most plentifully in cran-Encampment away unless the roads berries. The Pennsylvania law will is superior to that of the English. Only would do the fair thing. Commander- legalize the use of benzoate of soda to a small proportion of the men who are the extent of one-tenth of one per cent. structions according to their spirit, and The law also provides that a food shall now is just as good a time as we can be deemed misbranded if it is inferior have for making a test case. There is to the representations which the selier none too much satisfaction among the makes for it. This is a most important comrades with reference to going to feature, and has excited much discus-

The New York Legislature is to wrestle with the tramp problem in a bill which will be presented to it to approtional Encampments and there is no priate \$750,000 for the purchase of and proper basis for the railroads demand- establishment of three farm colonics for tramps and unemployed generally One of the unexpected features developed in connection with this project i the extent to which the railroads suffer cursionists cannot possibly be as profita- from tramps. There are more of this men. Besides the expense of taking care of and burying these wanderers. there are other heavy losses suffered by the railroads from their depredations, and one high railroad official asserts that the tramps cost the railroads at least \$25,000,000 a year. The farm proposition is to provide employment for every man who claims that he cannot find it in the cities or elsewhere that he has sought it.

The German officers still continue to would be practicable. While the English fleet is vastly superior to that of than in the Channel, and the German war vessels might hope to control the Once in England with 200,000 men it is believed that the English would not be able to expel the army, but it could vade England.

fect in North Carolina Jan. 1, and now dren is more likely in separate schools comes the question of its enforcement, where they will not be exposed every and particularly as to the suppression hour to taunts and discriminations by of the moonlight distillers in the rugged the white children. We must remember mountain districts. Gov. Glenn voices that such things in childhood plant the public sentiment in North Carolina stings which are remembered thru life. in saving that if he were the Governor he would rigidly enforce the law, even tion has been tried successfully in if he had to pift a gun in every man's N. J., and 2d N. J. Cav., Sparta, N. J., ry, Ohio. The walls for the building in order to do it. Whether his suc- Herald, Newton, N. J., to the veterans were made horizontal and then tipped cessor will measure up to the dictum and their relatives to build up the up to their places. Metal beams for re- of the outgoing Chief Executive is a Grand Army. He believes inforcements were laid on the bed, to- question, and the revenue officers are women are just as patriotic today as gether with the window frames, orna- already complaining that the State offi- they ever were, and that they should mental caps and sills, etc., and then clais are paying too little attention to take a warm interest in building up and the concrete was poured in around them illicit distilleries, which will at once supporting the Posts, precisely as they

Dr. A. E. Shipler, an eminent zoolo allowed to stand 48 hours, after which gist, announces that the suffragets has brought about a strengthening of the walls were up-ended. Reinforcing have a regular disease, which he terms the Posts in the past and that if each rods passed thru both edges of the walls tarantism. Women have always suf- comrade will devote some time to was more often called termagantism. numbers of the Order will soon be round these corners and cement poured One of the effective ways used in gratifyingly swelled. treating the affliction was known in the mass. One of the notable buildings was old law as the ducking stool. There the Mess Hall, two stories in hight, and are many of these preserved in the relic Lord Roberts's scare about invading which was molded and set in place in rooms of England, and they consist of England and the vaporings of some of less than three days' actual working a long stiff pole, with a seat on the end, their own officers a loud ha! ha; Mr. time. There are many great advantages The pole swung on a pivot, and the vil- Ernst Bassermann, who seems to voice lage scold when she became unendur- public opinion very thoroly, speaks of that work can be done better on the able, was put in the seat at the end of the invasion as "a delirious dream." ground level than at the hight of the the pole, and then swung out over the Right-thinking people that the Germans wall and at much less expense. More pond, in which she was immersed once eminently are, they are not meditating men can work on the job than can be or oftener as the law directed. Unfor- any such a world calamity as a war effective on a wall. Of course, it was tunately, the use of the ducking stool with England, and say that their armaa great saving in lumber for the molds. has been allowed to fall into desuctude.

> Miss Carrie Hillhouse, of Kendall peace. They are not going to compete County, Ill., will be 105 years old May with England in the way of a big navy 1, 1909, and it is claimed that she is for which they would have no use, but the oldest old maid in the United States. will develop it to the point where it will When she was in the bloom of her be a surety that their own coasts will youth a young man fancied that he not be attacked. had gained her affections, and was about to lead her to the altar, when Abraham Lincoln-His Life and Work. she thought he had another guess com- The National Tribune, thru a paring and broke off the match. She could ticularly advantageous purchase, is enmake a volume of reminiscences highly abled to offer its readers a great barinteresting to young women with her gain in the Centennial Edition of catalog of the might-have-beens if she "Abraham Lincoln; His Life and had married the man of her choice or Work," by Noah Brooks. This is really the others that from time to time be- a \$3 book, and was brought out to sell came matrimonial possibilities. Why at that price, but for a limited time we don't some enterprising man put her

THE ENGLISH ARMY.

The French papers are disposed to ture. That august house itself it con- they say, it is drawn from the lowest sidering such a reform and the con-ranks of society, where the French crete proposition which is now present- army is more national, since service is compulsory upon all ranks in life. Tae bly from the competition of other and dial support of the veterans and their Peer is to sit by virtue of hereditary finglish army, they say, continues to be more vigorous peoples. Venice was friends. Now is as good a time as there right. He must have one of these three a highly aristocratic institution, where the officers are gentlemen and the pri-(a) That he has already sat 10 years vates mere things. While the British soldier is a robust, vigorous man, he requires enormous feeding to Reep him up to the standard, and he is not likely (c) That he has been elected by his to go thru the hardships of a campaign as well as the more meagerly fed should be limited to 350, with a reduc-satisfy theory, but it is against history, In the past the British soldier has Peers are to be appointed with the shown himself capable of enduring the qualifications above given. The Peers greatest hardships and privations in to be elected will only sit during one every climate and under all conditions approves of this scheme, as do other in- altho the Germans have not had his pers complain that the reform proposed English alarmists support the French is not radical enough. "It would be the view, however, by pointing out how the and purged of some of the cruder fea- count of factory life. The stamina of tures." The House of Commons is un- the British army has largely been that gents, and who preserve the old raco vigor. In England proper the physical A new pure food law has been drafted standard, they say, is being constantly lowered by the habits of the people, and is much discussion over it, and particu- the the standard for recruits is not at there would be some which would hang larly over the uses of benzeate of soda. all high one-third to one-haif of those who offer themselves for enlistment are ing one for the Federal Department of rejected on account of physical weak-

The claim of moral superiority of the into the army the highest class of young men and gives them a personal interest tionably the more democratic method of the French in officering their army commissioned as officers in the British army have a real taste for their profession, and work as hard as the officers of France and Germany to equip themselves for it. The most of them want merely to have a few years' experience in the army and then go home to some other pursuit and hang up their swords as mementos of younger and more glorious days.

Revolting as are the developments in regard to the rottenness in Pittsburg's municipal administration, we believe that these will lead to a thoro house cleaning, even more complete and satisfactory than that which San Francisco has undergone. Pittsburg has been sufble as a low rate given to the Grand class killed on the railroads every year fering from a good deal of ill-odored than there are passengers and train advertisement, but this is only the scum which rises to the top of affairs, social, political and municipal. The great mass of Pittsburgers are honest, clean-living, practical men and sound to the heart's core. They will readily slough off these excrescences and develop a thoroly honest business-like management of their affairs. The work of depuration is in the hands of a body called the Voters' League, and it has already shown the ability and thoroness that we might expect from such a community. Two believe that an invasion of England been arrested on charges of bribery, and we are told that this is only the begin-Germany, yet plenty of occupation would ning. A picturesque feature of the probe found for English ships elsewhere ceedings was the trapping of a boodler by a flashlight photograph. When crossing of that narrow strip of water. in Pittsburg, we can count upon a renovation which will go to the bottom and into every nook and cranny.

> The Club Member, a journal publishdictate peace in London. We simple re- ed at Topeka, Kan., attacks the mixediterate our firm belief that this is a school system as blamable for some chimera, and that the German officers marriages which have occurred between might well study the remark of the nagroes and whites, and it advocates negro who narrowly escaped drowning separate schools. The matter of mixed while undergoing immersion. He said schools is one to be decided by the reas he came up sputtering, "Somebody's suits of experience and not from theory. likely to lose a vallerble nigger some of We believe that the experience of eduthese days by this here foolin'." The cators is against mixed schools for the Germans would be likely to lose a very reason that negro boys and girls are valuable army if they attempted to in- constantly hurt in such association by the color line being drawn sharply and often brutally as children will. The State-wide prohibition want into ef-

> > William H Rochalle 2d N J 27th once took in keeping the ranks of the companies full. As for the men he points out instances where good work

The sensible Germans are giving ment, land and naval, is solely for their own protection and the preservation of

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